A song for the hickory tree! While the wind is blowing free, And the golden leaves and silver nuts Drop down for you and me !

As we pull the nuggets out From ther crypts with merry shout,

The air is filled with perfame distilled From the spaces of the South. A health for the hickory tree!-

For its fiesh is white and its heart is bright, And it laughs with you and me !

The squirrel says with a wink, *I'd sing a song, I think, To the girl who stands with snow-white hands

Whose firsh is white and strong, And sound and sweet as the nut at her feet. And better than any song."

And eyes that flash and blink.

So, take the song, my queen, For a kiss and a philispene ! did the gold-n leaves and silver nuts, I kneel on the carpet green.

C. H. CRANDALL.

MRS. OCKDYNE'S FRIGHT.

When John Ockdyne lay insensible from the apoplectic seizure which terminated in his death, his wife acted as though she were a singularly heartless and deceitful woman. Taking advantage of the temporary absence of the doctor, who had pronounced that a fatal Issue of the sick man's malady was, burnardy speak-ing, inevitable, Mrs. Ochdyne possessed herself of her husband's keys, and crept stealthily down to his study, where she unlocked a drawer in his escritoire, and took from it a bundle of documents, which she carefully concealed about her person. She then returned to the sick-room, replaced the keys with a trembling hand beneath the pillow on which the dying ceedings. man's head rested, and resumed the anxious and watchful position by the hedside which she had occupled for many hours previously. But she looked so pale and agitated that the doctor, who made his eppearance a minute afterward, accomputed by his assistant, glanced keenly at her, and said, in a peremptory

"Mrs. Ockdyne, you must really obey my direc tions. Please go to your room and rest, and take some refreshment. Your husband may remain in his present state for hours, and you are already overwrought and fatigued. If the slightest symptom of a change occurs you shall be sent for instantly." 'I would rather remain," said Mrs. Ockdyne, with

The doctor shrugged his shoulders irritably, and turned his attention to the patient, whose labored and istentorian breathing rendered insudible the whispered consultation which ensued between the medical men This was interrupted by the entrance of William Ockdyne, the younger brother and partner of the invalid, a tall, stern, elderly, unsympathetic-looking individ "How long has he been like this it he inquired,

"Since midnight," answered Mrs. Ochdyne "Why did not you send for me before!" he demanded in a harsh, unpleasant voice.

"I sent for you as soon as Dr. Thorne pronounced. the case to be hopeless," said Mrs. Ockdyne, trem-

Mrs. Ochdyne evidently resented this cross examina-

about going to your room. We will remain here, and I will remember my promise."

Either vielding to the doctor's persuasion, or in consequence of her brother in-law evidently caused her. The lawyer had finished, imagining, from the way that he and her brother in-law evidently caused her. Miss, Oclidyne no longer persisted in her objection, but rose from her chair without a word, and left the room with an air of suppressed agitation and emotion. Walking quickly along the passage and down the staticase, she entered a small sitting-room on the staticase, she entered a small sitting-room on the half-landing, and having closed and locked the door the staticase, she entered a small sitting-room on the half-landing, and having closed and locked the door the staticase, she entered a small sitting-room on the half-landing, and having closed and locked the door the staticase, she entered a small sitting-room on the half-landing, and having closed and locked the door the staticase, she entered a small sitting-room on the half-landing, and having closed and locked the door the staticase, she entered a small sitting-room on the half-landing, and having closed and locked the door the staticase, she entered a small sitting-room on the half-landing, and having closed and locked the door the staticase she carried a small sitting-room on the half-landing, and having closed and locked the door the staticase of the static she captured with the static she and static she captured with static she and static she and static she captured with the static she and static she Either yielding to the doctor's per-masion, or in upon the nearest sofa-

From that of the proud, cold, self-contained woman of a moment ago. All her energy and spirit seemed to have deserted her, and she looked the picture of help-less misery and apprehension. The hard lines about her fore had disappeared, revealing a character of claimed Mrs. Oeldyne, in surprise. and even feebleness. tures were no longer handsome, but rather shower centates of a soft, tender, girlish kind of beauty. half oldferated by a life of hardship and unhappines. She presented, in fact, a glimpse of her true self; the Mary Engogenian who had married John Celidyne ten

years ago: a woman designed by nature to be a gentle. tender, loving wife and mother, but transformed by harshness and tyranny into the semblance of a strange is desimilar personality.

Ten years ago! It seemed a century! And yet it was, in fact, less than ten years since that fatal day

when her husband's rough kindness-for it would be name of love-was turned into relentless distrust and tyrainty. The visible cause of this transformation he now held in her agitated hand—a bundle of letters written in lish which was now fieled. Alas ! If they had been written with her heart's blood she would have suffered less.

There is no occasion to rake up the details of her nefortunate flirtation with Alian Graham. It was not generally supposed to be of a serious nature by those who knew of it at the time. A weak, giddy, thought less glid married, against her will, to a man twenty years her scaler; a young soldier lover of former days, outpubly reckless of a woman's reputation, but meaning, perhaps, no great harm; a fiercely jealous husband, of a disposition ereel and vindictive-common ingredients these, in blighted lives and domestic folsery; and as Mrs. Ochdyne's story contains nothing nevel or entertaining, we will pass it over lightlythe world did for a wonder-without imputing blame

John Ockdyne, however, neither forgot nor forgave. His kreiber William, whether from basely selfish mo-tives, or from real suspicion bred of the proneness of ome contemptible minds to dishelleve in innocence, helped to keep alive this resentment. He did not separate from his wife; indeed, he had no evidence to justify an extreme course. But he gave rein to his harsh, overbearing, suspicious nature; he croshed and hombled to the earth the unhappy woman whom be had sworn to love and cherish. He thought himself jumified, perhaps, in making her repent hitterly of her.

The significance of this reply had a crushing effect. discretion, and, perhaps, it may in charity be doubted whether his vulger, coarse grained temperament en-abled him to realize the full extent of the suffering he of her position. She realized that the very act of Infficied. He kept Allan Graham's letters, and in savage moments produced them and taunted her with them. He held them in terrorism over her-threatening to show them, even; though his wife, rowed as she s, could never believe him capable of this baseness. Bill, the very fact of these compromising documents continuing in existence had always haunted Mrs. Ockdyne with an uneasy feeling of insecurity, and she had appealed over and over again in vain to her husband to destroy them.

John Ockdyne's sudden illness had been totally unexpected, and little as his wife had cause to love him, she did not hear without emotion the doctor's startling verdict. But in the midst of her distress the recollection of those dreadful letters came upon her with a painful shock, for her husband had more than once told her with significance that he had appointed his brother William executor of his will. Horrified at the prospect that her brother-in-law, whom she could not but regard as her enemy, knowing his hostile influence upon her husband, would obtain possession of the letters, she had yielded to an irresistible impulse which urged her to secure them while yet there was

Having accomplished her object, the poor lady was considerably frightened at what she had done, for her ferror of her husband overshadowed her, even though he lay helpless at death's door before her eyes. possibility of his recovery suggested startling reflections to her agitated mind; while she dreaded scarcely less her action being found out by her brother-in-law. The demeanor of the latter, which, to her excited imagination, seemed plainly to indicate some suspicion of what she had been doing, increased her uneasy apprehensions, and she was grateful indeed to avail her-self of the doctor's interference and to flee from Will-

iam Ockdyne's hated presence. When she found herself alone, however, in her own boudgir, she plucked up her spirit, and determined to destroy the letters at once, resolutely disregarding what might happen in case her husband

of unspeakable relief with which she beheld the fatal papers ignite and slowly burn and smoulder away into a shapeless mass of tinder. But she was not allowed time to completely recover her composure, for barely had the flame died down when she was startled by a knock at the door. Instantly apprehending a message relating to her husband, she rose at once and turned the key back in the lock; but before she could grasp the handle the door was opened from without, and her brother-in-law stepped mimbly

"What is the matter?" inquired Mrs. Ochdyne, in alarm and confusion. "Your husband is worse," said William Ochdyne. with a comprehensive glance round the room as he

"Worse!" exclaimed Mrs. Ochdyne.

Yes; another seizure.
Mrs. Oclaive rushed past without giving another thought to her own affairs. Had she done so, she would have waited to allow him to precede her, for in the single instant that he lingered on the threshold of her room, he unhappily caught sight of the charred embers in the fireplace. Not a word did he utter, however, but followed silently to his brother's bedside. The seizure which William Ockdyne came to report

a tall, stern, electry, any log-nal, with cold, steel-blue eyes, which, after a quick plance at the unconscious form upon the bed, he di-rected with suspicious scrutiny upon the pale face of the contents of his brother's will to his sister in law the contents of his brother's will to his sister in law the contents of his brother's will to his sister in law the suspicious scrutiny upon the pale face of the subject Mrs. Georgia forchers to question him. any pressing desire for information, when she found her brother in-law in company with a sharp featured, red whishered little man, when he briefly introduced "And you have this will;" exclaimed Mrs. Och.

the will.

As soon as Mes. Ochdyne had scated beself Mr. Item and the apartment with a look of cunning syspicion.

"Come, Mrs. Ochdyne," said the doctor, reimoving his fingers from the sick man's pulse, "now that your brother to law has arrived you need have no hesitation allout going to your room. We will remain here, and bulk of the testator's property went to his brother side herself with mingled shankfulness and emotion. There are also writing desirs a colorate side herself with mingled shankfulness and emotion.

"It is what I expected," said Mrs. Ochdyne, quietly,

Ockdyne, innocently. "Is not that it?"
"No, madam. This is the draft of the will which

prestion and glanced up at William Orldroe, who had semained standing in front of the fireplace during the scene, watching his sister in law intentix. He new came forward and said, slowly and distinctly:

when my brother was dying "
Mrs. Colleigne half rose from her west at this start

Hing accusation, but dropped back into it again, as she realized that the occasion referred to was when she abstracted Allan Graham's letters. "I never saw the will, and have nothing about it," was all the could say in her asitation and alarm.

"Did you harn it, madam, in your room that day when I interrupted you with the news that your him band's last moments had arrived in said William Ock-dyne, fearing forward and addressing her in a harsh

lady, fairly overwhelmed with this fresh accusation "One of the servants can prove that you left your husband's hedside when you thought you were un perceived, and came in here with your husband's key in your hand. Another can corroborate my evidence that immediately afterward you burnt a document in the fire in your room. Some of the askes have been collected and will be put in evid-nce," continued her brother-in-law, evidently seeking to convince her of the hopelessness of denial.

"The case is quite complete," added the lawyer, in a self-satisfied tone. "Probate will be granted on this draft, upon the strength of the evidence—the strong evidence-which we can produce to prove the destrucion of the original "

"What do you suggest could have been my objecin destroying the will, supposing I were capable of doing such a thing? Inquired Mrs. Ockdyne, recover-ing her presence of mind sufficiently to be conscious of the necessity of realizing her position.

"The motive is obvious," replied Mr. Borle, with a smile. "If your husband had died intestate, you would have been entitled, as his widow, roughly speak

upon the poor lady, whose perceptions, naturally far proving her innocence of the monstrous accessation brought her would reveal the secret which she had fondly hoped was now forever buried, the stary of her supposed sharpe. If brought to trial, it mattered not whether she might be found innocent or guilty of the principal charge; in either case the miserable story which had weekedherlife would be dragged forth and published to the world.

"You doubtless perceive, madam, that your attempted fraud will not avail you. The destruction of the will is a crime in itself, which renders you liable, I believe, to penal servitude," resumed William Ockdyne, glancing at the lawyer. "I am unwilling how-ever," he added, "for the sake of my brother's memry, and for the sake of our family name, which you have the right to bear, that scandal should be caused. if, under Mr. Bogle's directions, you will sign the necessary documents to enable me to administer to my brother's estate and to retain possession of his property, which I am entitled to under the terms of his will, I will be content to let the matter rest."

Having said this, William Ockdyne resumed his former position upon the hearthrug, while the lawyer proceeded to explain the details of the proposed arangement. The poor lady's first impulse was to ac cept the conditions offered, but the sense of justice o herself fortunately restrained her.

"I will consider your proposal," she said tremulously, " because, so far as the money is concerned, I am absolutely indifferent. But I must have time for reflection." "How long do you require?" said her brother in-

"A week," said Mrs. Ockdyne, rising with dignity from her place at the table. William Ockdyne exchanged glances with the law-

law, reluctantly.

yer, and seemed on the point of remonstrating with her; but apparently he changed his mind, for he permitted his sister-in-law to retire from the room without another word. As a matter of fact, however, Mrs. Ockdyne had

should recover. Without more ado she stirred the fire into a blaze and thrust the packet of letters into it. Words would fall o describe the blessed sensation trial. It was absolutely true, as she had stated, that she was indifferent to the pecuniary aspect of the ques tion; for she was not an avariefous woman, and she possessed a few thousand pounds of her own. It was only her proper pride and self-respect which had sug-gested to her to take time for consideration. It was impossible to doubt, from her brother-in-law's demeanor, that he seriously believed that she was guilty of really have destroyed the will. Allan Graham's letters formed a bulky packet, and it had certainly not Her husband's will was a short document, and it would have been characteristic of his brutally vindictive disposition if he had placed the letters with his will, as a sert of grin explanation to her of the cause of the measure provision he had made for her. This idea, far fetched as it might have appeared to her in calmar. far-fetched as it might have appeared to her in calmer

was almost relieved at receiving a second visit from her brother in law, who called later in the evening to urge her to sign the necessary documents, whiving her betal claims, without delay. He had brought the papers with him, and Mrs. Ockdyne could not withstand the temptation of disposing of the whole miserable business without the worry of further harassing reflections. William Ockdyne's manner, moreover, though percentage, was neverthed less more conciliatory than it had been earlier in the less or intraries or dressing tables. There are catchalis in the form a from a grant sledges, belies explained that he had been every much interested in reading in Paris letters to true necessary tables. There are catchalis in the form a from a grant sledges, belies explained that he had been every much interested in reading in Paris letters to true necessary tables.

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That angel at the head; (Where seven of old their station kep-There are six that ablue instead.) stealeds believered came troop and star; Like some relegial bird after Into Earth's night the eshort least With leasteons whose out proad.

Dazziteg the East beneath it there, The Star gave out its rays: Picht through the still Judean air The shephords see it blaze; They see the plame borne Heavenly throng, And hear a burst of that high song Of which in Paradice aware Saints count their years but days

For they sang such music as, I deem,

In Cod's chief court of Joys, Had stayed the flow of the crystal stream And made souls in mid-flight poise; They sang of Glory to Illin most High, Of Peace on Earth alddingly, And of all the delights the which men dream, Nor ain nor grief alloys.

Breathless the kneeling shepherds heard-

Charmed from their first rude fear, Nor while that music dwell had stirred, Were it a month or year; And Mary Mother drank its flow, Conched with her Eabe divine-and, lo! Ere falls the last eestatic word Three Holy Kings draw near.

When as the star-led shining train

Skyward from over Petblehem's plain They sped with rapture fleet; And the angel of that orient star, Thenceforth where Heaven's lordliest are. Stands with a harp, while Christ doth reign, A scraph near God's feet.

Wheeled from their task complete,

EDMUND CLARENCE STEDMAN.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

HINTS FOR WEARY BUYERS. The art of enamelling in Russia dates back to the Byzantine Empire and Byzantine styles and celors are retained in all the enamel work new dene in Russia. While some of the Russian silver is open to the objection of triviality of design-such as the production of a per feet representation in enamel of a snewy damas : napkin the charge he brought against her; and this led poor on a gilded wiever plate—when useders designs are for-The pieces copied from old silver table services in the Kremiin in the exhibit of silverware now at Tiffany's are especially beautiful. the scientists prefer to call it. Mr. Croffut has develmented as it might have appeared to her in calmer far-fetched as it might have appeared to her in calmer moments, nevertheless tended to strengthen her docision.

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If prevailed upon him to destroy his former will and to make another, which does justice to you as his wife, madain."

And you have this will! exclaimed Min. Och. dyne, clasping her hands together.

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**The fact is," he added, "that your husband was considerably influenced by his brother, and, I think.

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HIS DEFADFUL LOSS.

From The chirago News.

"My dear below," safe lundon; "I am heartly
soury for you."

"You've heard of it, then, have you?"

"What, or your with's clopement? Why, it's all
over town."

"On, then you didn't hear about her carrying off
my new silk umbrelia?" about +100 upward, according to the size of the person-

There are many dainty souvenirs of the goodly season which are prepared to take the place of cards. A candle stick bearing a captle and a "Merry Christmas" is a new greening. Blue Delft candlesticks are shown with fancy candles printed in Delft pattern. There are ivory tablets mounted in mother of pearl and silver for held day gifts and thay ivorine-bound volumes, which open to show a box for the embry deck. Antique brocades are extensively used for purses, bags and pleture frames and for photographe cases, which are shown in a great number of styles and sizes to held two or any number of photographs. There are daintily painted frames of white disk hims for surgle cablet pletures, which are decreased with aprays of hely, etc. There are prettily painted shades of usiting to threw ever the lamp shade and saffen the light, and other small articles to meet the want of persons who want a simple artistic souvenir for Christmas greeting.

Prominent florists predict a season of flowers. Pale pink violets, pink tulips, French hisce, Jacqueminst. fancy candles printed in Delft pattern. There are ivory

roses, gardentas and erchids will all be used as Christmas flowers. Clusters of flowers will be extremely large and will be arranged with their own florage in loose, careless bouquets fied with wide sash ribbons.

Thanks are due Tiffany & Co., Fred. Keppel & Co., Wanderlich & Co., J. S. Conover, R. J. Horner & Co., Treedore B. Starr, E. J. Denniag & Co., James McCreery & Co., Fred. A. Stakes & Brother, and C. F. Klunder.

HYPNOTISM AT THE CAPITAL.

INTERESTING EXPERIMENTS IN THE PRES-ENCE OF WELL-KNOWN PUBLIC MEN. WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 .- W. A. Croffut has recently taken up the study of n.esmerism, or hypnotism,

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A Dearborn farmer was trying to live some of th numerous loaiers around the central Market to go out to his place and huse corn, and he finally found one who had interest enough to ask:

THE CRY OF THE UNEMPLOYED.

HOW A DYING CHILD WAS SAVED!

CICERO, Hamilton Co., Ind., Sept. 19, 1887. The following is a true account of what your S.S.S. has done for our little daughter, Hazel, now four years old. When twelve months old a lump appeared on her heel, which slowly grew larger. The family physician thought it was caused by a piece of broken glass or needle, but failed to bring anything to light. The child became feebler all the time, seeming to lose the use of her leg, and finally quit walking entirely. The middle finger and thumb of either hand became enlarged, the firsh becoming hard. The hip joints became involved, so that when seventeen months old she could not stand. having lost the use of leg and arm. Partial curvature of the spine also followed. The nervous system was wrocked, muscles contracted, and there was general wasting of flesh and muscle. eighteen months of age she was placed under the treatment of a prominent physician of B son. Mass., but at the end of ten months she had declined to such a degree that she was in a dying condition,

among men away from the Church. This is especially true, it says, in regard to young men. It tells of twelve average church congregations recently visited, in which there were at least five times as many women

It is probable that before many years the venerable Monumental Church of Richmond, Va., will become the cathedral of the Episcopal diocese of Virginia,

The Southern Presbyterian Church is appealing for funds to prosecute missionary work among the negrees. Eight editions of the Rev. Dr. Henry M. Fields "Open Letter" to Robert G. Ingresoft have been issued, and nine editions of Colonel ing could's moven. There are people who think that before many years most of the non-Episcopal Protestant will recognize the necessity and value ministers in large city churches. Much of the crowth

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